



# The Merchant Navy

## World's Junior Champion

CANADA'S OCEAN-GOING MERCHANT FLEET won well-deserved fame during the war, and since that time has carried many thousands of tons of food and other supplies to countries where the need for these things was great. Recently however, the cost of maintaining Canadian merchant ships, which is higher than that of any other country with the exception of the United States, gave rise to a recommendation by the Canadian Maritime Commission that the size of the fleet be drastically reduced. It has been proposed that only 40 of the ships now under Canadian registry be kept in operation, instead of the 218 ships which have been registered in Canada.

### Costs High In Canada

The daily cost of operating a Canadian merchant ship is estimated to be \$210.50. Only in the United States is this figure exceeded. There the daily cost per ship is \$197.25, and part of this cost is borne by the government. Before the last devaluation of the pound, the cost to Britain of maintaining the same type of ship was only \$108.48, while in the case of Norway \$50.68 and the Netherlands \$48.18. It is clear from these figures that Canadian ships would have difficulty in competing for cargoes with ships from those countries where the operating costs are substantially lower.

### Many Reasons For Regret

In view of these facts it has been proposed by the authorities that all but forty ships of the present Canadian merchant fleet be allowed to seek British registry and consequently operate more economically at the British rate. The forty ships remaining to Canada would be temporarily subsidised by the government at a yearly cost from \$20,000 to \$30,000. There are many reasons to regret that it has been necessary to consider such a plan, for the merchant fleet not only fulfills its purpose of carrying cargoes, but it is one of our country's defense establishments. However, economic laws cannot be ignored, and cargoes will be carried by ships with the lowest operating costs. Canadians will regret to see the merchant navy, which played so gallant a part in the war, drastically reduced, but it is to be hoped that world economic conditions may in the future be such that it can again be expanded.

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The largest nugget, she said, was as wide as the broad end of a toothpick and a quarter of an inch long. Said her 78-year-old husband: "All my life I wanted to discover gold. Reckon this is as close as we will ever come. Sure would give a nugget to know where that duck came from."

### Western Co-eds Go Through University Cheaper

VANCOUVER.—Co-eds at the University of British Columbia get through university more cheaply than women students at any other Canadian university, according to the National Federation of Canadian University Students. It costs a woman student \$510 a year, including \$100 tuition fees.

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## FUNNY And OTHERWISE

Floridian (picking up a melon): "Is this the largest apple you grow in your State?"

Canadian: "Stop flogging that grape."

"We were happy for over a year, your honor, and then—the day after tomorrow."

"Boy or girl?"

"Girl—she was a blonde and she was in the next."

The woman wearing a spiculated Döbermann dog around the sidewalk was obviously pleased with the dog's attention and she dog attracted.

"He looks pretty ferocious," said Harry "Pony Boy" Lumley.

"Carve his bit," asked the old lady.

"A Döbermann Fincher."

"Carve his bit," asked the old lady.

"No, he just pinches Döbermann."

Judge (giving judgment regarding an eight-day clock): "I award the clock to the plaintiff."

Defendant: "What do I get, then?"

Judge: "You'll have the eight days."

"We see," said some American Indians are ashamed of the scalping practice of their forebears.

Defendant: "What do I get, then?"

All they have to do is to read what the palefaces have come to do each year.

Two brothers were engaged in the retail coal business when one became most religious. For weeks he tried to persuade his brother to join the church.

"Why can't you join the church like I did?"

"It's fine for you to belong to the church," replied the other, "but if I joined you'd weigh the coal."

"I suppose that if you marry my daughter you will expect me to pay your debts?"

"I shouldn't think of putting you to so much trouble," answered the suitor. "You can give me the money, and I'll pay them myself."

The dear old lady, wandering about heartily at a very costly soiree wedding reception, came upon a young man in faultless morning dress.

"Oh," she chirped. "Dear me you're the bridegroom, of course."

"No," he answered sarcastically. "I was eliminated in the quarter-finals."

The office boy had been missing for the best part of the morning. "Where the dickens have you been?" his employer demanded furiously, when at long last the lad sauntered in.

"To the post office, sir," replied the boy with a virtuous air.

The employer gaped. "And does it take you two hours to post a letter?" he inquired sarcastically.

"I beg your pardon, sir," said the lad with some heat. "Three letters."

"It is a positive delight to meet a man you feel you can trust," remarked the individual with the high forehead.

"Oh, I don't know. I prefer a man who pays cash," replied the man who joined the grocery shop.

The famous giant crab of Japan is the largest known spider crab, having legs from four to six feet in length.

Tranquille Canary Yale Fleets, Holstein heifer, bred at Tranquille, B.C., and owned by University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, the new world's champion Junior two-year-old for both milk and fat in the 300-day two-day milking division. She gave 18,084 pounds of milk containing 692 pounds of butterfat.

## N.H.L. Sport Notes

Only Six Without A Penalty Up to December 23 there were only six regulars in the National Hockey League who had not received a single penalty this season.

The six players who have yet to visit the penalty box are Bill Guadagnoli and Ed Kyzanowski, Boston; Don Raleigh and Pentti Lund, Rangers; Red Hamill, Chicago and Harry Watson, Toronto.

Paul Ronty of Boston increased his first penalty of the season on December 21 against Chicago.

Four Teams In 1½ Seasons Bud Pulte, 190-pound right-winger recently purchased by Boston Bruins from New York Rangers, has played for four National League clubs in one-and-a-half seasons.

Pulte started out last season with Chicago and was traded shortly after the season opened to Detroit.

He finished the season with Detroit but was sold to New York Rangers during the summer.

On December 22 Pulte sold him to Boston Bruins. Before being traded to Chicago at the start of the 1947-48 season Pulte played for Toronto Maple Leafs.

He has won the jersey and five of the six N.H.L. clubs since he entered the League in 1942-43.

Montreal Canadiens are the only team he hasn't played for.

Harry "Pony Boy" Lumley Ever since the story appeared in The Hockey News about Harry Lumley, Detroit's ace goal wearing center, a boy boota, he has been receiving a lot of good-will raising from players and fans.

Tommy Hann, Detroit coach, plans to give Harry a long-haul last Christmas to go along with the boots.

The next time Harry shakes out on the Chicago Stadium ice, Organat Al Morgan plans to play "Pony Boy."

Consecutive Game Record Ended Kenny Smith of the Boston Bruins, had his consecutive game streak ended on Dec. 21. He had played in 227 consecutive games, longer than any player active in the League to date, before a groin pull necessitated him missing the Boston-Chicago game of December 21.

PRINCESS MARGARET NAMED CANADIAN REGIMENT CHIEF OTTAWA.—Princess Margaret has been appointed colonel-in-chief of the Highland Light Infantry regiment of Canada, with headquarters in Galt, Ont.

It was announced by Hon. Brooke Claxton, defence minister. Princess Margaret already is colonel-in-chief of the Scottish Highland Light Infantry, City of Glasgow regiment, with which the Canadian regiment is allied.

MONTHLY BIRTH DATE The Royal Canadian Mounted Police—first known as the Northwest Mounted Police—was organized in the year 1873.

SMALL BUT POWERFUL A newcomer in the battery-radio field is small enough to fit into the palm of a hand and has a 100-mile reception range.

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# Farmers Realize \$1,794,200,000 In First Nine Months Of 1949

OTTAWA.—Cash flowed into Canadian farms to the tune of \$1,794,200,000 in the first nine months of 1949. Higher payments for wheat, coarse grains, tobacco, cattle and calves, coupled with increased payments for the livestock which board, raised the farmers' income for the first three-quarters of the year 2.6 per cent. higher than the 1948 figure of \$1,749,200,000 and 40.9 per cent. over the \$1,273,600,000 realized in the first nine months of 1947.

Income in the third quarter totalled \$730,155,000, down \$97,000,000 from the same period of 1948. However, in the first quarter, the total was up \$412,434,000 from \$380,000,000 a year earlier and in the second quarter was \$601,434,000 compared with \$541,545,000.

Larger payments by the Canadian wheat board, totalling some \$218,000,000, were mainly responsible for the overall increase. The payments mostly were in the form of equalization payments made on wheat delivered by western farmers from August, 1948, to March, 1949.

Increased income from wheat sales resulted from higher prices and increased marketings rather than a decrease in sales.

Cash income from sales of grains, seeds and hay in the first nine months of this year totalled \$688,088,000 compared with \$588,413,000 in the corresponding period last year.

Income from sale of livestock was \$532,700,000—was slightly above last year's total of \$525,000,000—without gain occurring in cattle and calves.

A decline in the marketing of hogs during the same period more than offset an increase in prices to lower livestock income 6.3 per cent.

Income from sales of dairy products during the nine-month period was approximately \$277,000,000 compared with \$269,000,000 in the same period of 1948. A drop of 8.2 per cent. in cash returns from the sale of eggs to the end of September was offset by a decline in marketing.

Income from the sale of vegetables and other field crops was down \$111,578,000.

Income from the sale of products for the nine months in western provinces, with 1948 figures bracketed: Saskatchewan \$408,790,000 (\$378,800,000); Alberta \$334,684,000 (\$302,655,000); Manitoba \$198,057,000 (\$184,000,000); Columbia \$64,458,000 (\$64,277,000).

France Pays Canadian Debt OTTAWA.—France handed Canada a cheque for \$11,000,000, marking the end of the \$100 million debt which she had promptly met an instalment on a \$242,000,000 post-war loan.

The \$100 million instalment was paid in the form of a \$1,800,000,000 in credits Canada extended to a number of countries following the second world war.

Spain To Buy Canadian Wheat OTTAWA.—Canadian shipowners have completed a deal to buy 900,000 bushels of wheat to Spain, a well-known source has disclosed.

This is the first such deal with France Spain in more than a decade.

TRY AND STOP ME! BY BENNETT CREEP Stanley Frank and Paul Sann tell a classic story about a cub reporter in Johnston, Pa., at the time of the disastrous flood in 1889. The first flash reached the news agency newspaper office late at night when they this newest addition to the staff—a droopy youth just out of school—was on duty. The editor hustled him to the scene of the catastrophe, and spent the next hour in a frenzied effort to get his veteran reporters on the job.

By then it was late, however. All wires were down, and the valley was isolated. For 20 hours the only reporter in the devastated area was one green beginner!

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